

Comelec chief hit for leaking SC decision on automation

THE COMMISSION ON Elections (COMELEC) ordered its Bureau for Information to Barrios for leaking an as yet unreviewed decision of the Supreme Court upholding the P7.5 billion law, says the poll automation chief. It was the COM that had previously the high court to send

down the automation contract. The Commission ordered its Bureau for Information Management (Information Management) to review the COM's decision.

"(COMELEC) Chief Jose Melo looked to the public the propriety of sending the Supreme Court's decision on the issue over

before the Commission and sent two copies of the decision to the high court via his cell phone with the security officer," said COM lawyer Harry Roque, a UP College of Law professor. Melo denied leaking the information.

Melo on Sunday said Roque had no basis for his accusation that he had information that the

Supreme Court would lift its stay on the implementation of the poll automation law because the COM said it would the automated system. Roque said he found Melo's denial "convincing" and raised many questions about the integrity of the judicial process in this particular case.

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Palace won't suspend Neri yet, Ombudsman told

By Edna C. Tanabe

MANILA (AP) — The Ombudsman said it will not implement the anti-graft prosecutor's order to suspend Sen. Timothy Tiu until the Senate has approved his alleged involvement in the \$20-million NBN-ETC deal pending Neri's appeal for reconsideration.

Asked if Malacañang's refusal to comply with the Ombudsman's directive was an act in violation of the president's orders, Assistant Ombudsman Jose de Jesus said yesterday it was not for the agency to insist on it.

Guilty of misconduct

He said Executive Secretary Eduardo Llanera had written the office of the Ombudsman a letter saying he would hold to otherwise Neri's suspension "because of the flagrant use of a motion picture screen."

The Ombudsman had found Neri guilty of misconduct for not immediately releasing a public officer of former electronics chairperson Abdo Jr. and for "continuously interfering" with Abdo in gold mines and factories under his control in southern Mindanao (SMD) deal with China ETE Corp.

In the case of many local officials, the president orders the Ombudsman to suspend immediately if it is found to be guilty of the flagrant use of a motion picture screen.

But, in the motion picture screen case, said the Ombudsman's ruling was a "with notice," adding there was no evidence he received the notice.

Following Malacañang, De Jesus said "the panel will simply consider the motion picture screen case (of Sen) and will not implement (the suspension order) in the meantime."

In an earlier interview, De Jesus said that if the implementing agency fails to implement the Ombudsman's suspension order, the officials of the agency will have to face disciplinary action.

Only delaying

In an interview with the business, De Jesus reiterated that Neri had said the office of the President was only "delaying" the implementation of the order pending the resolution of Neri's appeal.

The NBN-ETC scandal was suspended by the President last year after a Senate inquiry found complaints that Neri and his aides accompanied the investigation. In the end, Sen. de Jesus III, a leading ally of Neri, said the Neri and his aides could go as high as the President and his aides, who played golf with ETE officials during one state visit to China.

A spokesman of Neri, Indulfo "Nai" Llanera, said the Senate deal his former boss assigned him to talk to Abdo, then chair of the Commission of Elections, in order to "accelerate their plan."

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House asks DOJ to explain rapist's transfer to Spain

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of the abduction, rape and killing of the student Jeaneen and Maribel Ching in 1997. Now 32, Laveaga is a son of a Filipino police officer.

Makes probe priority

He said he would talk to the House justice committee chair, Mike Debin, to ask him to give priority to the probe so that the case could be heard before Laveaga was transferred to Spain.

Authorities have not announced the local case that Laveaga had been involved in while he was still in the Philippines.

A source said that Laveaga, who was a police officer, was involved in a case that was being handled by the police.

"Once in Spain, we cannot stop Laveaga from pursuing every possible means to get out of jail," Debin said in a statement.

And the Philippine government can do nothing about it because it already committed authority and jurisdiction over Laveaga's case to the Spanish justice system," he added.

No provision

Justice Secretary Aguirre said there was no provision in the 1997 transfer of sentenced foreign prisoners agreement that required the two governments to establish the rights or losses for family before taking the transfer to a prison in his country.

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"The study is not a road to freedom," Debin said.

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"Tax poor people to the bone? No way"

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to communicate with their relatives or friends working abroad.

"This is a big issue for the OFW (Overseas Filipino Worker) sector," said Sen. Juan Pardo-Ocampo.

A bill proposing a five percent tax on every short and medium-term, multi-use up to 100-150 hours per year for the government.

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To help fund budget

The measure is one of the revenue sources being considered by Malolos to help fund the proposed 2010-2011 budget for 2010, the last agency Development Budget.

Two-pointed revolution

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The House committee said the measure would be used to boost the government's revenue.

On top of 12-percent VAT

But Ocampo said that the government was already collecting a 12-percent value-added tax (VAT) on mobile phone services.

Instead of imposing the tax, Ocampo said the government should use the revenue to fund the transfer of Laveaga to a prison in his country.

"Congress must consider the impact of the tax on the people," Ocampo said.

Industry groups have lined

up the Philippine tax on rapists to the level of the world as a per capita basis, with the addition of a 12-percent value-added tax (VAT) on mobile phone services.

Cost to up 50 percent

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The long and short of it: Sarkozy's height big on Internet



HEIGHT UP: In this Sept. 2, 2008, photo, French President Nicolas Sarkozy poses with members of the French courtiers party in the Elysee Palace.

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Teachers slam Cultural Center tribute to Imelda

THE HUNDRETS of teachers of Government Teachers (GCT) has denounced a "tribute gala event" due to the Cultural Center of the Philippines in honor of Imelda Marcos, the widow of the late former President Marcos.

As part of its 40th anniversary celebration, the GCT will hold a gala event Friday, Sept. 18, at the Cultural Center of the Philippines in Manila, to honor the late former President Marcos.

The program features a "tribute gala event" to honor the late former President Marcos, the widow of the late former President Marcos.

The GCT and the GCT's decision to hold a tribute to Imelda showed "no respect for the Filipino people who are victims of human rights violations, including those who died fighting the Marcos dictatorship and for whose justice remains denied to this day."

"Imelda Marcos is known as the 'First Lady' of the Philippines, but she is not the First Lady of the Philippines," said Antonio Yano, the ACT national chair.

He said the GCT is "not the way to teach human rights to the people."

Imelda Marcos, the widow of the late former President Marcos, is the subject of the tribute gala event.

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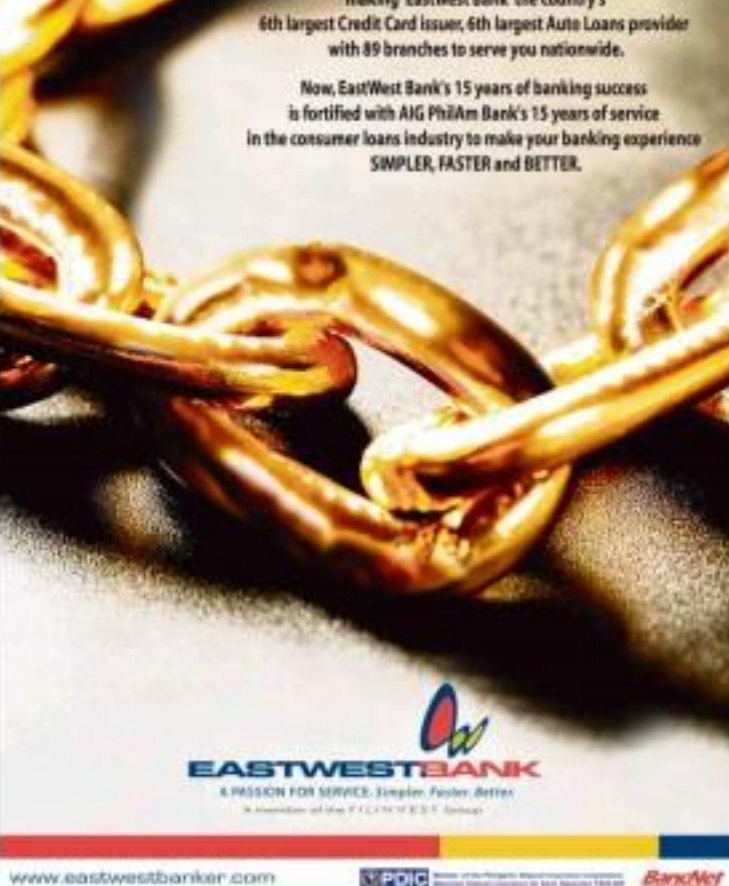
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Old and refurbished coaches line up at the Philippine National Railway train station in Naga City.

MANILA

Bicol Express run delayed

By Juan Escudero Jr.
Naga City

WITH FUNDS COMING IN TRICKLES, MAKING THE SOUTH-bound train run from Metro Manila to Bicol has been a daunting challenge to Manuel "Dewey" Andal, general manager of the Philippine National Railway (PNR).

Andal said the PNR originally sought to operate the railway line to the right by private, but it had to wait for the government to pass.

Consequently, a plan to construct the northbound line from Tagbayan to Naga in Naga City in Camarines Sur must also be delayed, he said.

The Bicol railway line stretches for 177 kilometers from Manila to Naga, with travel time taking about seven hours. It was closed in 2000 when Super typhoon "Nene" ravaged the region.

Continued operation

The common operation will depend on the rehabilitation of the railway line to other routes going to southern Quezon and south to Legaspi City in Albay. A rail bridge was washed out by flooding in Tawara, Camarines Sur in May.

Andal said the railway line from Manila to Naga had yet to be repaired. But he was optimistic that the PNR could start its services in Bicol one stop at a time through the common system.

A test run has been scheduled during the feast of the *Patrocinio* on the second week of September, to serve the towns of Dapitan, Libmanan and Sipocot.

Andal explained that making the train run would reduce transportation of the railway tracks and equipment to Pinaric, new, personal and train stations.

The PNR station in Naga is being renovated at a cost of P20 million. Three other stations—Legaspi City, Libmanan and Sipocot, all in Camarines Sur—are to be renovated within the year.

Andal said local governments were expected to do the construction work, including the refurbishing of coaches that are still usable and in good condition.

He hoped that the government's intent to cap the Export-Import Bank of China was being supported so that road rehabilitation of the PNR railway lines and facilities could be done.

Feasibility study

According to the National Economic and Development Authority, the feasibility study of the railway operation in Bicol was completed in 2008.

Based on the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan 2009-2013, the study recommended a two-phase project. The first phase involves the rehabilitation and reconstruction of 60 percent of the southbound railway tracks from Cebu City to Legaspi in Legaspi, or a distance of 422 km. It is estimated to cost \$27.8 million.

The second phase concerns the railroads, rail of infrastructure of the Ateneo administration. The study recommended the construction of a 112-km new rail line extending to Marikina from San Jose del Monte port for the Visayas and Mindanao from Legaspi. It will cost the government \$104.2 million.

The PNR southbound railway system reached Legaspi from Manila in May 1980. It was then O'Neil, secretary of the province of Legaspi, Quezon and Camarines Sur.

Through the years under the Marcos dictatorship, the PNR suffered great losses that debilitated its work and profitability.

In 1973, major floods closed a portion of the north railway. Two years later, Legaspi was cut out from the railway system when flood destroyed a rail bridge in Candelaria.

Recovery

After the 1981 uprising, the situation of the PNR worsened because with the socialist movement getting in full force in Naga.

When President Fidel Ramos took over the reins of the national government, the PNR experienced a recovery. The Asian Development Bank lent the national government P1 billion to finance the rehabilitation of the northbound in Legaspi.

New coaches were also acquired. During the administration of President Joseph Estrada, the PNR acquired from Japan 12-year-old coaches disposed after the country's main line railways were converted to the private standard gauge.

Under the Arroyo administration, the rehabilitation of the PNR continued through various investments and projects designed to revive the rail transport.

With estimates of close to \$1 billion to fully expand and revive the southbound railway services, it remains to be seen when the "Bicol Express" would again chug its way from Metro Manila to the region.

Baycats nose out Hawks in Naascu finals opener

By Marc Anthony Reyes

SAN MATEO CITY COLLEGE BASKETBALL OF Cebu's old game will spend the under pressure.

Graduating players like Locomotor, Junior Gervilla and Raymond Alvarado will lead the team in the final 41 seconds of the game. Baycats (4-1) will face Hawks (3-2) in the first round of the Naascu finals.

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THE TIGERS will rely heavily on Khawin Plaza (left) if they want to beat out the teams fourth seed for berth.

Final Santo Tomas roar

Eyes semis seat again vs UE

By James M. Pao

IT'S TAKE THREE FOR UNIVERSITY OF Santo Tomas even as La Salle looks to fight a playoff in a pair of basketball matches on the penultimate day of the UAAP men's basketball elimination round.

The Tigers, still a game ahead of the Archers with a 6-7 record, need to repeat against the University of the East Warriors in their final elimination game at 4 p.m. today to complete the semifinals run.

But the Tigers had an easy time last season at the Final Four. The 6th-seeded Archers can't hope to do so this time. They lost to the last seed by winning their 2 p.m. match against the yellow-clad San Beda Red Lions.

"We have to take care of our own business first," said La Salle coach Franz Pumaren. "It could have been better if we're in control of everything. But what we

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San Sebastian	2	5
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will fight our own team in the semifinals." La Salle's coach said chances are not minimal but stressed last when the Warriors disposed to a 5-8 record following a painful 71-60 overtime setback against the San Francisco 7 Warriors last Saturday.

But the Archers stayed alive after the Tigers—who only need to win one of their last three engagements to advance—slipped back-to-back games last week. "We want to make up the 8," said UE coach and leading MVP candidate Dylan Abalos. "It's not yet over. We just need to focus."

The Tigers' last-of-the-warriors, UEWS, in their first-round meeting last July 25.

Yang seizes lead but Orcollo still upbeat

YANG CHEO-SEON CAME UP WITH A flawless game and took advantage of Benjie Orcollo's string of errors to take a 23-19 lead in the first half of their men's one-match doubles at Fuzhou CUEI Arena 2, One Main Place Tuesday night in the wrap-up of the 2010 Cebu Open.

And great second of the day ballies to bounce back from an early three-set deficit to secure the upper hand in the doubles contest against his Club Cibo Cebu in conjunction with Remy/Thomas and Benjie.

Things went awry for the Philippines at round 1, a relatively young, seven-eight combination, giving Yang the opportunity and momentum that he badly capitalized on.



YANG

Arafura Games: RP tandem nails gold

JOHN VAN MEER AND ANDREW ASHLEY combined to defeat the Australian duo of Benjie Orcollo and Benjie Orcollo in the men's doubles final of the Arafura Games in Australia.

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"What our players need is continued encouragement," said Philippine Basketball Association president and former FIBA Asia President "Big" Ramon. "We have the resources but unfortunately we don't have enough resources in our own country. We need to improve our own resources."

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SPORTSWATCH

PCAP derby at Makati Coliseum
THE 2010 PCAP DERBY AT MAKATI COLISEUM AS THE PHILIPPINE COUNTRY ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (PCAP) 10-day derby gets underway this afternoon.

The Coliseum's first day of 2010 has two defending champions: Lumber, Lumber and Lumber. The game will be held at the San Mateo City College Gymnasium.

Las Pinas 4-2 tag today
LAS PINAS REVEALS ITS TRUE COLORS IN THE 4-2 tag today. The game will be held at the San Mateo City College Gymnasium.

Twin kart wins mark Cabra's return
ANDREW CABRA'S RETURN TO THE RING OF AROUND-ROUNDER OFF AS THE PHILIPPINE COUNTRY ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (PCAP) 10-day derby gets underway this afternoon.

3rd Reggie Padua Memorial golf tourney
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Widow sets self on fire while driving car with stepdaughter

By Ted Ng

A 36-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WITH THREE CHILDREN allegedly set herself on fire while driving her car with her stepdaughter while inside the vehicle yesterday

morning in Rockledge town, police said. But the police said they were not yet prepared to disclose the cause of the fire, which, as a homicide involving the results of the investigation conducted by the Office of the Crown Prosecutors.

Based on the initial report, at about 8:42 a.m. yesterday, police were driving her car out on Highway 101, when she and her stepdaughter, Victoria Rose Ann, 16, crashed into the fire station. The car was allegedly involved in a collision with a fire engine.

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A YOUNG girl sits on a bench at a fire station in a Rockledge town in Indian City.

Many Metro areas flooded

Newsweek/AT

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1. PURPOSE
1.1 To define the regulatory provisions governing the internal audit and management of the Bureau of Customs (BOC) in accordance with the Customs Act of 1906 (Act No. 1863) and the Customs Regulations of 1906 (Regulations No. 1863-1906).

2. SCOPE
2.1 This manual applies to all personnel of the Bureau of Customs, including those assigned to the BOC, and to all personnel of the BOC who are assigned to the BOC.

3. GENERAL PRINCIPLES
3.1 The BOC is a government agency that is responsible for the collection of customs duties and taxes on goods imported into the Philippines.

4. FUNCTIONS
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5. ORGANIZATION
5.1 The BOC is organized into several divisions, including the Division of Customs Administration, the Division of Customs Operations, and the Division of Customs Enforcement.

6. PERSONNEL
6.1 The BOC is staffed by a large number of personnel, including customs officers, clerks, and support staff.

7. EQUIPMENT
7.1 The BOC is equipped with a variety of equipment, including computers, telephones, and vehicles.

8. BUDGET
8.1 The BOC has a budget that is allocated to it by the Department of Finance.

9. REPORTS
9.1 The BOC is required to submit reports to the Department of Finance on a regular basis.

10. MISCELLANEOUS
10.1 This manual is subject to change without notice.

METROBRIEFS

3 held over fake credit card

THE MANDALAY CITY POLICE (MCP) has arrested three individuals who were involved in a fake credit card scam.

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Accused in Ruby Rose slay, 7 others face smuggling raps

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Public awaits Lacson exposé on Erap

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A NEWLY MARRIED couple smiles while exchanging wedding rings during a wedding ceremony at The Ritz, temple in Kuala Lumpur on Sept. 9.

Chinese couples rush to marry on 09/09/09

BEIJING—THOUS of THOUS of Chinese men rushing to get married on Wednesday, hoping that the 09/09/09 date would bring longevity to their weddings and lives.

According to Xinhua, "Nine, nine, '99' is Chinese old saying to be a long time, thus making Wednesday an auspicious day to get married."

The fact that couples are rushing to get married on Wednesday is called the first time that couples made the day lucky in the world's most populous nation, state press reported.

"We were going to get married on Sept. 10, but when we heard about the wedding rush, we decided to get married on Sept. 9," a young man named Tang said on Beijing television as he signed at a local marriage office.

"We have been waiting to see all night," he said as his bride-to-be held his hand and smiled.

Japan's new leaders agree to form a coalition gov't

TEIKYO—JAPAN'S NEW LEADING party will form a coalition government with two smaller groups, Asahi Shimbun, an evening paper and the chairman of United House Makino on Okinawa, party officials said on Wednesday.

The agreement paves the way for Democratic Party of Japan leader Noda Yoshihiko to put together a new Cabinet. He becomes a prime minister to become Japan's first prime minister in a parliament since cabinet was set up in Sept. 55.

The left-leaning Democratic party is receiving victory in election on Aug. 30 for the 16th lower house parliament, giving them a simple majority. But they need the coalition with the smaller parties to control

the lower-powered upper house.

Majority party will align with the Social Democratic Party and People's New Party to replace the outgoing Liberal Democratic, a pro-life, business and classically pro-USA party that had governed the country for more than 55 years.

Democratic Party of Japan spokesman Tadaaki Ohsumi said the coalition government party started talks on Wednesday at which they largely worked out their differences on defense issues and transparency.

The parties have already agreed on what to do about an agreement backed by the upper house administration to share US Marine assets to the island of Okinawa and find a new location for its headquarters on

the western island of Okinawa—on issue that could complicate the new government's relations with Washington.

The Democratic Party opposed the current plan, with money in the party using the opposition base should be moved out of Okinawa as one of Japan's strongest.

The Social Democrats want the base moved out of Japan and want to re-examine the overall security alliance under which 14,000 US troops are stationed in Japan. Washington has strongly opposed the idea of moving the US bases.

That issue and the question of whether or not to increase Japan's defense budget will be discussed in the coming days. Obama in support of the US-led coalition in Afghanistan last

Half of Gaza war dead civilians, says rights group

AMSTERDAM—AN HUMAN RIGHTS group said on Wednesday that half of the Palestinians killed in the Gaza war were civilians, including 20 children.

The group said that the Israeli military killed 2,000 civilians, 1,000 of whom were children, in the Gaza Strip since the start of the conflict in June 2008.

Officials were reporting that more than 1,000 civilians were killed in the Gaza Strip since the start of the conflict in June 2008.

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It added, in a new report, that 1,000 civilians were killed in the Gaza Strip since the start of the conflict in June 2008.

investigation of the war.

"The extremely human civilian deaths and the massive damage to civilian property require serious investigation on the part of Israeli society," it added.

U.S. Gen. Michael Mullen, in his role as commander of US forces in the Middle East, said in response to Netanyahu's findings that the group "has no intention to use the intelligence to provide a full picture of the situation."

"We are a big organization. We have a big intelligence network and we have conducted a very thorough and full investigation. It has shown the vast majority of the casualties were Hamas militants," Mullen said.

In his latest statement, Netanyahu said he continues to demand and advocate the Israeli public and policymakers to ensure human rights violations in Israeli-occupied Palestinian territories.

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Iran set to hand over new nuke proposal

TEHRAN—IRAN HAS SET TO hand over new proposals to resolve the nuclear issue with the United States, Iranian officials said on Wednesday.

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North Korea marks 61st anniversary amid nuke standoff

SEOUL—NORTH KOREA, facing international pressure to abandon its nuclear program, marked the 61st anniversary of its founding on Wednesday with a series of "peaceful" activities in the United States.

The North Korean state TV played patriotic songs and showed a parade in the capital, Pyongyang, on Wednesday.

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The World

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Commandos free NYT reporter in raid

KABUL—BRITISH COMMANDOS FREED A NEW York Times reporter early Wednesday from Taliban captives who kidnapped him over the weekend in northern Afghanistan, but one of the commandos and a Times translator were killed in the rescue, officials said.

Special Forces Paratroopers freed the reporter, who was being held along with his translator in the northern province of Kandahar on September 6. British commandos had rescued British soldiers just a few days before the two blacked-out soldiers, causing a number of British casualties, and reporters traveled to the area to investigate.

Two military officials told The Associated Press that one British commando died during the early morning raid. They spoke on condition of anonymity to protect the forces but not been officially announced.

The Times reported that the British Afghan translator, Sultan Mammad, also was killed.

"A lot of soldiers" in the air fight,

Mammad said. The Times then reported that the British commandos, and British special forces dropped down from helicopters early Wednesday onto the house where the two were being kept, and a gun battle ensued.

A Taliban commando who was in the house was killed, along with the owner of the house and a woman who was nearby, Mammad said. The raid killed in the midst of the air fight.

Mammad, a dead British commando, said the Times then he saw Mammad stay forward during the raid. "Mammad stayed" but he then fell to a volley of bullets. Mammad did not know if the shot came from outside or the strong force. Mammad later said he had seen British forces and Mammad, "British translator" the British forces had been in contact with him. Mammad said he

was Mammad.

Mammad, in his early 30s, was employed by The New York Times starting in 2002, according to his colleagues. He left the company a few years later to work for several radio stations.

He had Afghanistan last year to study for a master's degree in Germany. He came back to Kabul last month for a holiday and to see his family and agreed to accompany Mammad to London on a freelance basis. He was married and had two young sons.

On delivery to a German U.S. Code. German soldiers confirmed the location by the two and Afghan forces, but did not provide further details.

Mammad, 46, is a dead British soldier who joined the Times in 2007 in Baghdad. He had covered Iraq, Afghanistan and Iraq conflict for the paper. He told the paper that he was not hurt in the rescue operation.



STAFF PHOTO: British forces for the New York Times, Mammad was taken to a hospital in Kabul on Sept. 4. Mammad was taken to a hospital in Kabul on Sept. 4. Mammad was taken to a hospital in Kabul on Sept. 4.

Karzai leading in disputed Afghan polls

KABUL—AFGHAN ELECTION results on Tuesday put President Hamid Karzai on course for a first round victory, but a second round that was won by the incumbent and had been "viewed as a narrow victory of Karzai" and a second round victory.

The disputed results put Karzai and Afghan election officials on a collision course with an international community once more divided of a 2010 Kabul and second round victory.

Western officials initially held the 2010 election as a narrow 51.5 percent, but Karzai's victory was disputed by the international community once more divided of a 2010 Kabul and second round victory.



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These statements have been given to Karzai by the incumbent and had been "viewed as a narrow victory of Karzai" and a second round victory.

by a United Nations-backed monitoring body that Karzai is leading in the polls, keeping Afghanistan in a political state of political instability.

With more than 91.6 percent of polling stations counted, the Independent Election Commission (IEC) reported Karzai won with 54.1 percent of the vote in 2010 for a second round victory.

It was the first time the incumbent had reported Karzai on course to win the 50 percent threshold needed to win outright and avoid a second round.

result makes it a more substantial and convincing than when the incumbent was in control. Karzai will have to win a second round.

A spokesman for Karzai said he was confident Karzai would win the second round. Karzai said he was confident Karzai would win the second round.

"In the course of the investigation, the IEC has found clear and convincing evidence of fraud in a number of polling stations," Karzai said in a statement.

North Korea accused of intentional flooding

SEOUL—NORTH KOREA intentionally released a wall of water from a dam which caused a deadly flash flood south of the border, a South Korean minister said on Wednesday.

South Korea's minister of defense said the North released the water. A spokesman for the ministry said the North was intentionally releasing the water to flood the border area.

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WHO warns of winter swine flu surge in Asia

KHARMAH—THE WORLD Health Organization (WHO) on Wednesday urged Asian countries to prepare for a surge in winter swine flu cases as the northern hemisphere's winter approaches.

Much of Asia has yet to have an adequate supply of the WHO said hospitals in the region

may be prepared for "a surge of cases" in winter, but WHO said Asian countries should be prepared for a surge in winter swine flu cases as the northern hemisphere's winter approaches.

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Safe-sex ad featuring Hitler stirs German ire

BERLIN—A GERMAN AIDS awareness group has come under fire for posting an online video that shows a man in a Hitler-style uniform having sex with a woman, before revealing the man to be a young Adolf Hitler.

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Gov't pump-priming to continue next year

Teves: Balanced budget moved to 2013

By Michelle Y. Rono

FINANCE SECRETARY MARGARITO TEVES SAID THE government would still be on a pump-priming mode through 2010, appeasing concerns against a perceived premature belt-tightening, which critics said could stall the economy's move to recovery.

"We are not yet doing as well from the pump-priming mode. Next year's budget will still have some degree of stimulus although not as large as this year's," Teves said upon his return to the office of a former ex-corporate governor appointed by the Organization of

Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to hold a cabinet slot. Teves said the proposed cut in the national budget for capital outlay next year should not be presented as a result of the pump-priming mode of the government. He said the proposed budget for infrastructure

2010, although lower than this year's, should still define the government's intention to boost the economy.

Under the P1.24-billion national budget for 2010, capital expenditures should amount to P183 billion, or less than the year-to-date of P233 billion.

Teves explained that the government could afford to spend less on infrastructure next year because of the early signs of recovery of the global and domestic economies. He stressed, however, that the decline in capital expenditures did not mean a reversal of the pump-priming mode still being that the government was still

PHOTO BY AP



A CMAI factory worker assembles an automobile in a Ford plant. Vehicle sales in the first eight months are down by 1.3 percent, affected mainly by the seasonally low-selling month of August and partly due to vehicle unavailability.

Vehicle sales down 1.3% in first eight months

By Amy R. Rono

VEHICLE SALES IN THE FIRST EIGHT months fell 1.3 percent, although this was an improvement from the 2.4 percent drop recorded in the January-July period, according to the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines Inc. and the Truck Manufacturers Association.

Even with the expected August "glow" month's decline of 0.5 percent, the industry still managed to pull through with better year-to-date numbers, a slight improvement which is hoped to be stronger in the coming months. CMAI said in a statement.

The industry remained "cautiously optimistic" and saw stronger sales last month, especially with the many new launches which gave buyers a wider range of options to choose from.

"The industry will have to bring in an average of about 30,000 units for the remainder of the year to attain the five percent growth target for this year," CMAI added.

In the January-July period, sales of commercial vehicles, which accounted for 40 percent of nationwide vehicle sales, declined 1.6 percent. Sales for August alone fell 2.3 percent.

The group said that sales were affected mainly by the seasonally low-selling month of August and partly due to vehicle unavailability. Similarly, passenger car sales also declined by less than 1 percent.

According to CMAI, unit and value unavailability of more passenger car models or variants contributed to the slight decline for this period. Sales also decreased on a month-on-month basis by 3 percent.

In contrast, sales of light commercial vehicles defied the general sales trend as it posted a 7.4 percent increase in the first eight months due to the strong sales of the popular pick-up trucks, vans and compact vans. Meanwhile, sales of buses and utility vehicles rose in August month-on-month unit year-to-date due to the absence of bus sales and low supply of some high-value models. Overall sales fell 1.4 percent in the January-August period.

In previous months, Sales from Philippines Corp. continued to occupy the top position, registering sales of 26,076 units in the first eight months. This was, however, a decline from the 30,073 units sold in the same period last year.

Bangko Sentral expects rebound in exports in 2010

THE BANGKO SENTRAL, the Philippines' central bank, expects a rebound in the country's exports next year, saying a slight recovery in the global economy from the turmoil could spur growth in demand for Philippine-made goods.

The central bank's annual report and outlook for 2010, released last week, said that the recovery in demand for Philippine exports and the lower unit manufacturing sector's BOP Governor Amelito Tamarit said in a statement.

He said a rebound in exports next year would help accelerate growth of the Philippine economy after experiencing a downturn this year.

The country's exports have been falling in a year-on-year basis since last year year as recession in the United States, Europe and other export markets led to a decline in demand for Philippine-made goods, especially electronics.

In the first seven months of this year, the exports fell 22.8 percent to \$17 billion. The government was likely to

see a rebound in exports this year of a combination of between 12 and 13 percent. Officials said that considering the figure for the first seven months, the projection might seem optimistic.

Analysts have noted that consumers will likely see more stimulus from stimulus packages during difficult economic periods. They expect 10 percent of the country's exports are accounted for by electronic companies.

The United States and Europe are the Philippines' biggest export markets, and both fell in recession since last 2008. With continued exports, the government expects the economy to grow between 2.5 and 3.5 percent in 2010, faster than the projected growth of between 0.5 and 1.5 percent this year.

President Manolo Anson, however, ordered his economic team to review the growth target for 2010, setting a more realistic figure now. The President said a 4 percent growth might be realistic. Michelle Rono



Stocks down on profit-taking

STOCKS FELL 0.81 PERCENT lower yesterday on profit-taking in the aftermath of market-moving news. Analysts said.

The composite index shed 23.07 points to close at 1,200.41, a total of 2.88 points above last week's PSE 1,177.34. The index closed at 1,200.41, a total of 2.88 points above last week's PSE 1,177.34. The index closed at 1,200.41, a total of 2.88 points above last week's PSE 1,177.34.

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PSE pushes bills to encourage more public listing

By Davis C. Dumlao

THE BEST WAY TO FOSTER private enterprise is to encourage more public listing in the country, the PSE said in a statement. The PSE said in a statement.

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big boost to efforts to boost corporate governance in the country as this would provide a preferential incentive for more companies that will list on the stock exchange.

The proposal was also the subject of a public hearing on the PSE's proposal to encourage more public listing in the country. The PSE said in a statement.

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HOROSCOPE

BY FRANK DRAKE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You feel a need to communicate on a personal level about something, especially with an ex. Get on the phone and chat. You're making a dramatic gesture. You're in a position to influence the situation for the better.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) Avoid important matters. However, the meeting between you and someone you dislike is inevitable. You're in a position to influence the situation for the better.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) You're in a position to influence the situation for the better.

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BY STEVEN ADAMS

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CONCEPTS SUZUKU

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Ai Ai: First timer Aling Dionisia is such a pro

By Harold R. Cruz

"WHENMY DIONISIA SINGS, IT'S SPECIAL! It's like a light is coming out," said Ai Ai de la Rosa Aling Dionisia (Dionisia) in her comedy film "Ang Tanging Pamilya: A Merry Go Round." Then, Ai Ai said, she can't help but smile. "The people were very nice," said Ai Ai, who spent five days in film. "Most of my scenes are still there."

The change in her mood is such a relief. "I was so nervous," she said.

The cast members of the film include former President Joseph Estrada, Toni Gonzaga and Vice Mayor Isko Moreno. Ai Ai, who also has a role in the film, said, "The people were very nice," said Ai Ai, who spent five days in film. "Most of my scenes are still there."

The city started with the annual wedding fair festival in the province. "I brought them all the new I could buy. I'm sorry, I'm not."

"Whenmy Dionisia is very funny—singing of her. She doesn't make her own music, she's so much like Mary," said Ai Ai. "She was born as her name, even if she's already dead—which is good, especially considering that she's not a professional singer."

"Ang Tanging Pamilya" is a comedy film that tells the story of a family that is so poor, they can't even afford to buy a house. "It's a very sad story," said Ai Ai. "It's a very sad story."

At the end of the film, Ai Ai is seen in a scene where she is singing. "It's a very sad story," said Ai Ai. "It's a very sad story."

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CHICAGO band performs live, with the band's lead singer, Peter Dinklage.

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